

Klansman Loses Job ^{Part}
NAPANOCH, N.Y.—A man claiming ²⁻²⁴⁻⁷⁴
to be the head of the Ku Klux Klan in
the state has been suspended from his
teaching job at an upstate prison fol-
lowing a probe into alleged Klan ac-
tivity at the facility.

Earl Schoonmaker, a teacher for
high school equivalency diplomas, said
Sunday; They can't get me out of the
prison for being a member of the Klan
—that's perfectly legal. So they have
to look for something under the rug,
and this is the best they could come up
with."

A state corrections department
spokesman said the suspension came
after an inmate reportedly was asked
to make Klan-inspired paintings. There
were also several suspicious fires in
the cells of black and Spanish-speaking
prisoners, the spokesman said. The de-
partment said it would file charges in
the painting incident.